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# Maggie Brooks

## *Monroe County Executive*

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### **MONROE COUNTY TO HOST HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION**

Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks today announced that the County's Department of Environmental Services, together with the Towns of Chili, Gates, Riga, Wheatland and the Villages of Churchville and Scottsville will hold an **appointment-only** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection at the Town of Chili Highway Garage, 3235 Chili Avenue, on **Saturday, September 22, 2007 from 8 a.m. to noon.**

*"Monroe County is committed to providing opportunities for residents to dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and responsible manner," said **Brooks**. "This collection enables residents to properly dispose of potentially hazardous chemicals. It also keeps usable items out of landfills."*

Most household hazardous waste, such as paint, is safe when used and stored properly. When these materials become unwanted and are disposed of improperly, these household wastes can become environmental hazards.

Last year, the County Department of Environmental Services, in cooperation with Eastman Kodak Company, safely disposed of 293 tons of hazardous material.

To ensure safety and reduce waiting times, appointments are required at all household hazardous waste collections. Appointments for this collection will be accepted until September 21st. To schedule an appointment, residents should call the Town of Chili at 889-2630. Waste from businesses will not be accepted.

Up to 30 gallons of the following materials will be accepted per appointment at no charge:

- Oil-based and Latex Paint (for 1/3-gallon or less of Latex Paint: discard lid, add kitty litter, let dry, place can in trash)
- Wood Stain and Preservatives
- Automotive Fluids (antifreeze; brake, power steering and transmission fluids)
- Pesticides and Fertilizers
- Flammable Products (gasoline, kerosene, thinners, strippers, solvents)
- Household Cleaners (liquid soaps and waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)
- Driveway Sealer
- Pool and Photo Chemicals
- Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) and Button Batteries
- Mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Syringes/Sharps (safely packaged)

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**DO NOT BRING** used motor oil or vehicle batteries (contact service station or retailer); propane tanks (permanent household hazardous waste facility only); cans with dried paint (if it rattles when shaken, remove lid and place in trash); empty containers (trash or recycle); everyday alkaline batteries (trash); glazing/spackle and joint compounds (trash).

For more information, or for business waste disposal options, call 753-7600 (option 3), or visit [monroecounty.gov](http://monroecounty.gov).

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